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**CHARACTER
SELECT**



KNUCKLES
GUARDIAN OF THE
MASTER EMERALD



AMY ROSE
HIGH-SPRITED HEROINE



TEAM DARK
SHADOW, ROUGE
& E-123 OMEGA



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Welcome to the Sonic Comic Universe—a world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Knuckles the Echidna and Amy Rose seek out the final missing Master Emerald shards!

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THE STORY SO FAR...

DUAL SEARCH

Recently, Knuckles was forced to shatter the Master Emerald to keep it out of enemy hands!

Now he's hunting down its many pieces. Amy Rose volunteered to lend a hand in finding the shards.

Team Dark—Shadow, Rouge and Omega—recently foiled an alien invasion. They're currently hunting down the aliens' last living weapons—Eclipse and his Dark Arms.

In a twist of fate, both teams will come together to recover what they've lost. However, some things are best left unfound...



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CLOSING IN

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ONE

KNUCKLES
HUNTING DOWN THE
MASTER EMERALD
SHARDS

HANG
ON,
LITTLE
GUY!

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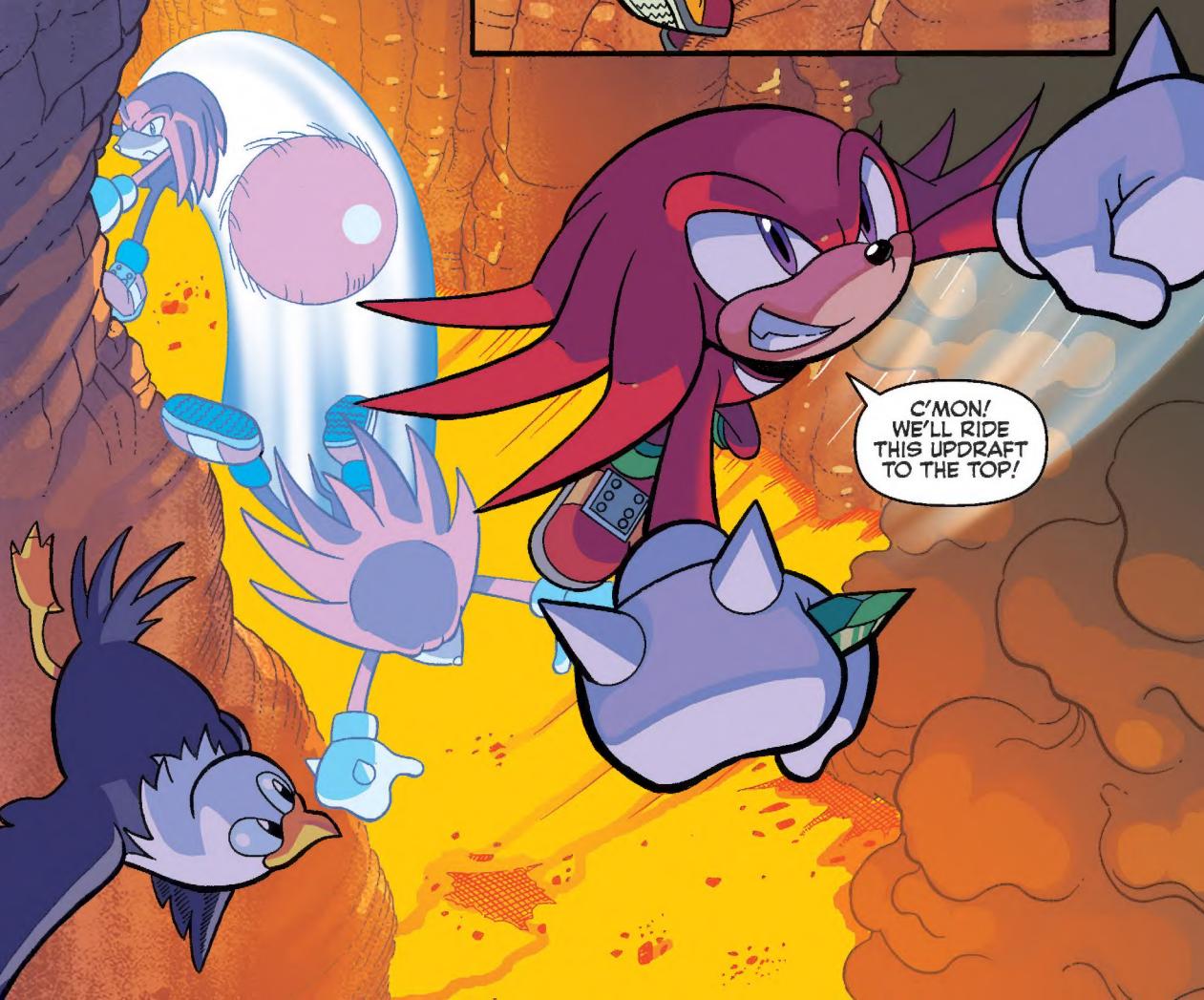
DON'T YOU KNOW
IT'S DANGEROUS
AROUND HERE?



YOU'RE SAFE NOW. LOOKS LIKE
YOU HAD ONE OF THE MISSING
MASTER EMERALD SHARDS!

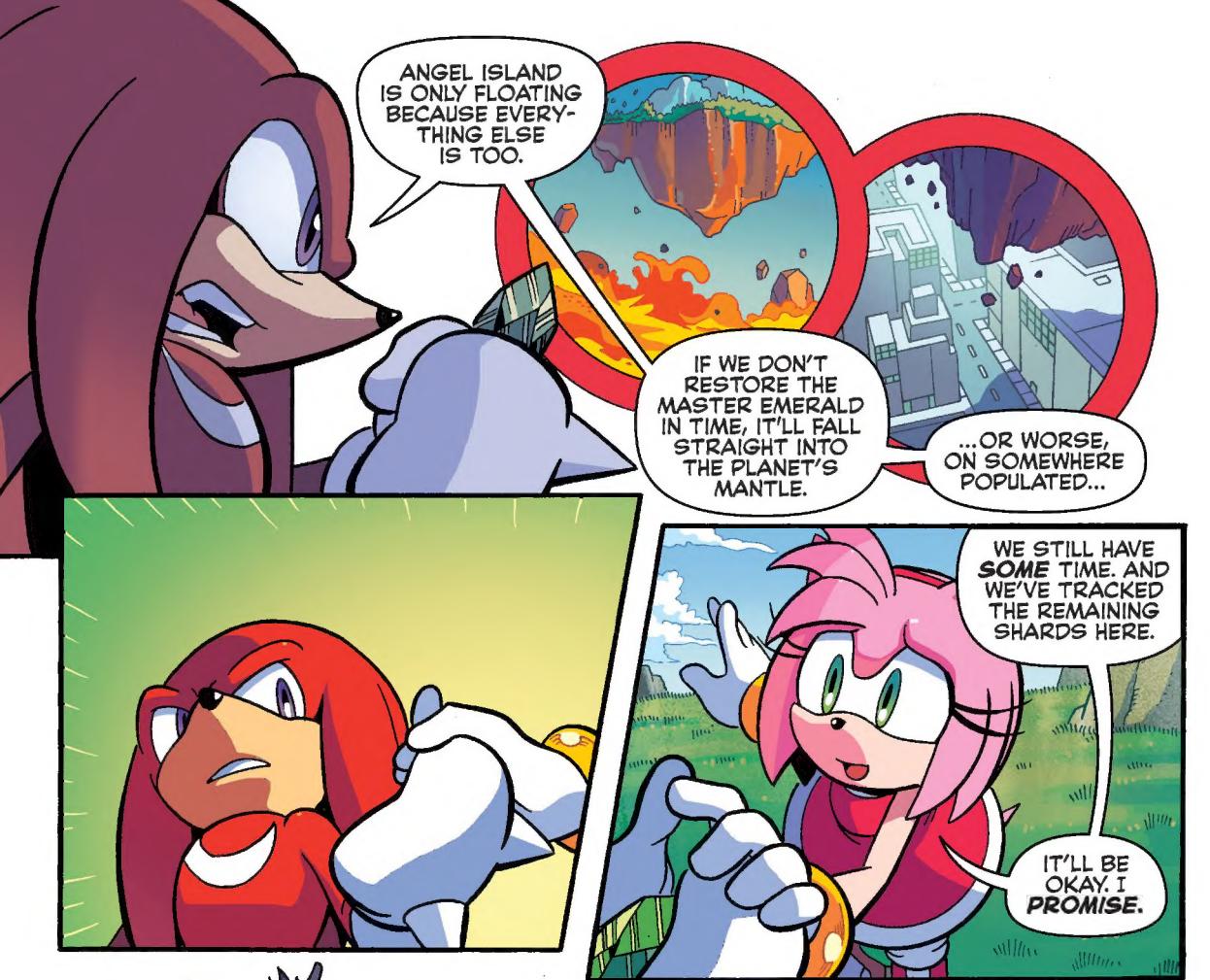


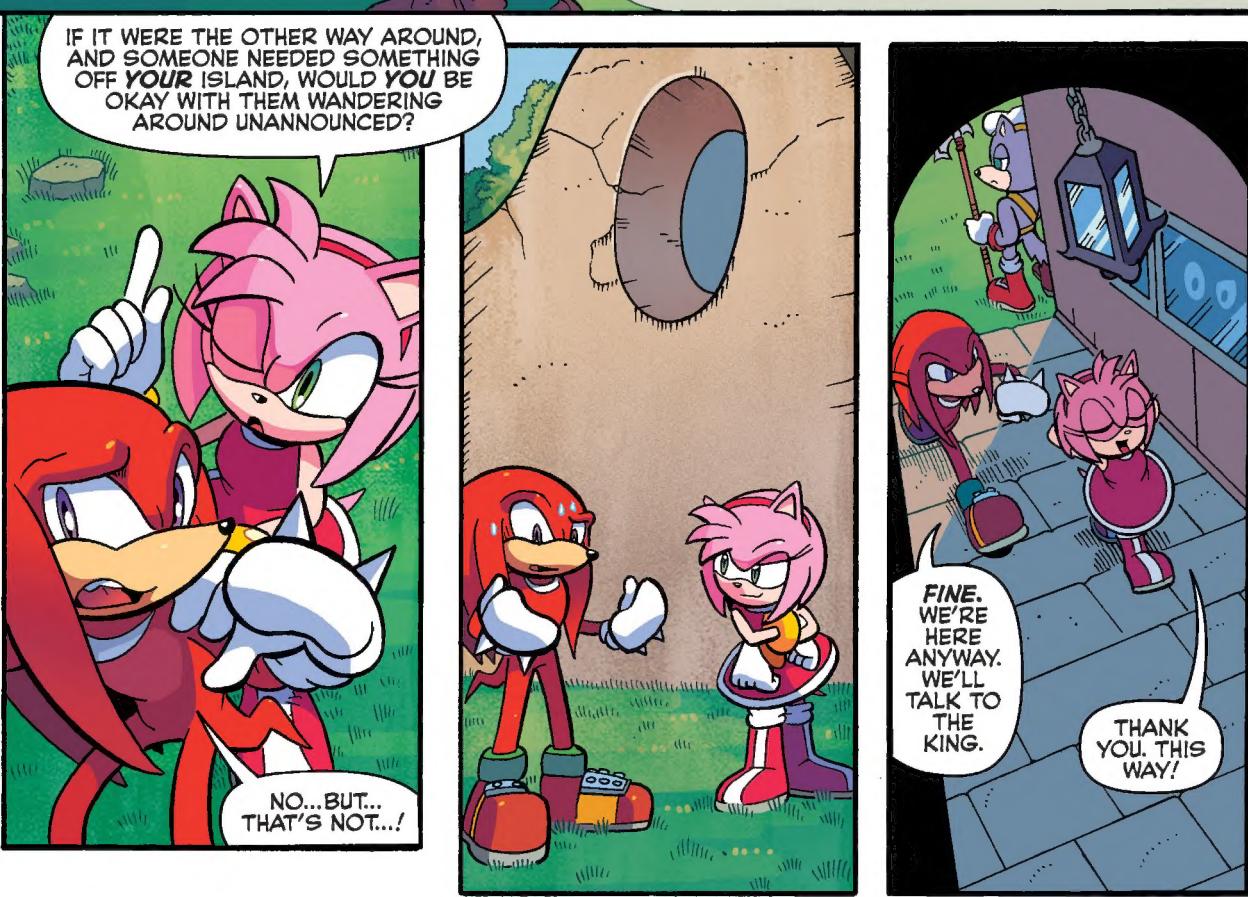
I MIGHT
ACTUALLY FIND
THEM ALL IN TIME
AT THIS RATE...



C'MON!
WE'LL RIDE
THIS UPDRAFT
TO THE TOP!







SOON, INSIDE
CASTLE ACORN...

OH, NOT
THESE JERKS
AGAIN.

E-123 OMEGA
"REFORMED"
SUPER BADNIK

MISS ROSE!
WHAT A PLEASANT
SURPRISE. I WAS
JUST ABOUT FINISHED
WITH TEAM DARK.

SHADOW THE
HEDGEHOG
DARK HERO

KING
ACORN
RULER OF
THE ACORN
ARCHI-
PELAGO

ROUGE
THE BAT
SPY &
TREASURE
HUNTER

AND YOU MUST BE KNUCKLES? I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE HAD THE
PLEASURE. SMASHING DUEL WITH SONIC DURING
THE TOURNAMENT!*

OH, UH,
THANKS.
DO I BOW
OR...?

A HAND-
SHAKE
WILL DO.

*STH #268-271

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MOBOTROPOLIS?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

I WAS, BUT I'VE JOINED
KNUCKLES ON AN URGENT MISSION.
WE CAME TO ASK YOUR PERMISSION
TO SEARCH YOUR LANDS FOR THE
MASTER EMERALD SHARDS.

REALLY NOW! TEAM DARK
WAS ASKING FOR SIMILAR
CLEARANCE.

I FEEL
ANOTHER TEAM-UP
COMING ON! WON'T
THAT BE FUN?



I'M SORRY, I DON'T THINK I HEARD ABOUT THIS PART OF THE STORY.

ZAHEM! IT WAS JUST A MINOR SCUFFLE. WE STOPPED ECLIPSE. THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.

YEAH, BUT HE AND HIS DARK ARMS ARE STILL OUT THERE. IS THAT WHY YOU THREE ARE HERE NOW?

EXACTLY.

TEAM DARK BELIEVES THE FIENDS HAVE TAKEN REFUGEE SOMEWHERE HERE ON WESTSIDE ISLAND.

WAIT-- YOU MEAN ECLIPSE AND HIS DARK ARMS ARE HERE?

LONG-RANGE SENSORS DETECTED A BIO-FORM SIGNATURE OF CONSIDERABLE POWER. LIKELIHOOD OF IT BEING ECLIPSE AND HIS MINIONS: 85%.

YOU TOLD ME ECLIPSE WAS AFTER THE MASTER EMERALD WHEN YOU SHATTERED IT.

YOU DON'T THINK...?

I DO NOT WISH TO SHARE THE ALIEN SLAUGHTER WITH THEM.

UNDERSTOOD. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

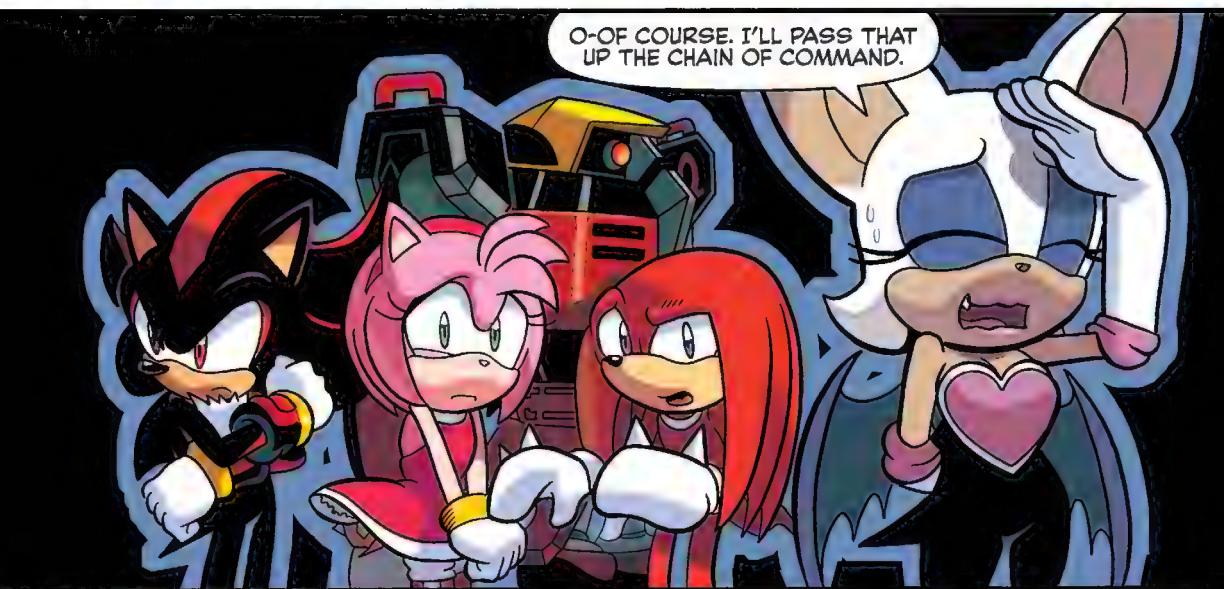
HE MUST BE AFTER THE SHARDS! AND WITH THEM GROUPED TOGETHER, IT MUST MEAN HE'S GATHERED A LOT OF THEM!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE TEAMING UP FOR ANOTHER BUG HUNT.

THEY JUST WANT THE SHARDS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHARE ANYTHING.

I DO NOT WISH TO SHARE THE ALIEN SLAUGHTER WITH THEM.

UNDERSTOOD. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.





SOON, AT THE
ROYAL AIRFIELD...

IF YOU'RE
JOINING US,
YOU MAY AS
WELL RIDE
WITH US.

AN OFFICIAL
G.U.N. SHUTTLE!
FANCY!

DON'T BE MEAN! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
ARE WORKING REALLY HARD TO GET EVERY-
THING NEEDED TO FIX THE PLANET!

DON'T GET
COMFORTABLE.
WE'RE ONLY BRINGING
YOU FOR THE SAKE OF
CONVENIENCE.

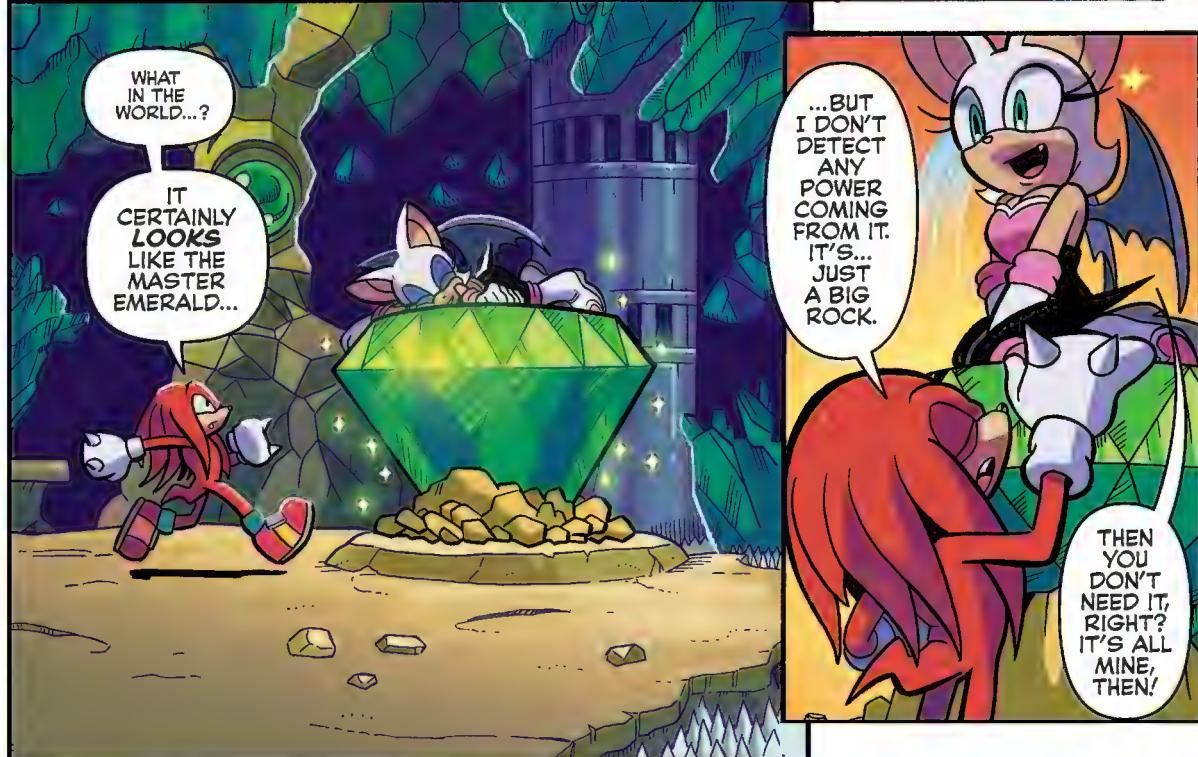
SO SONIC IS RUNNING TO THE FOUR CORNERS
OF THE MAP, HAVING ADVENTURES AND SAVING
THE WORLD... AGAIN...?

JEALOUS?

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THE MISSION COMES FIRST.

BUT WE WILL COME BACK FOR IT, RIGHT? I NEED THIS, SHADOW.

WARNING!

ABUNDANCE OF CRYSTAL SURFACES ARE INTERFERING WITH MY SENSORS. I CANNOT PINPOINT OUR TARGET.

THAT'S NO GOOD. DO OUR COMMS STILL WORK?

AFFIRMATIVE.

THEN WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH AT LEAST. WE'LL COVER MORE GROUND IF WE SPLIT UP.

AMY COMES WITH ME. IT'S ONLY RIGHT THE KING'S LIAISON KEEP AN EYE ON THE SUPER-SHADY SPY, RIGHT?

HAHA! WELL, I... YOU SAID IT, NOT ME!

NO PROMISES. I AM PACKING HEAVY ORDINANCE.

OMEGA, YOU CAN HANDLE YOURSELF. IF YOU FIND THE TARGETS FIRST, TRY TO LEAVE SOME FOR THE REST OF US.



SOON...

YOU GIVE
KNUCKLES
AND SHADOW
A HARD
TIME ABOUT
THEM WORKING
TOGETHER, BUT
YOU'RE THE
ONE GETTING
BEDAZZLED.
REMEMBER
THE KILLER
ALIENS?

YES,
WELL, GEMS ARE A
WEAKNESS OF MINE. I'M
STILL FOCUSED ON THE JOB.

MOSTLY.

EVEN THE
BRIDGE IS
MADE OF GEM-
STONES! SO
MANY BAUBLES,
SO LITTLE
TIME...

SO I SHOULDN'T POINT
OUT THERE'S ANOTHER FAKE
MASTER EMERALD?

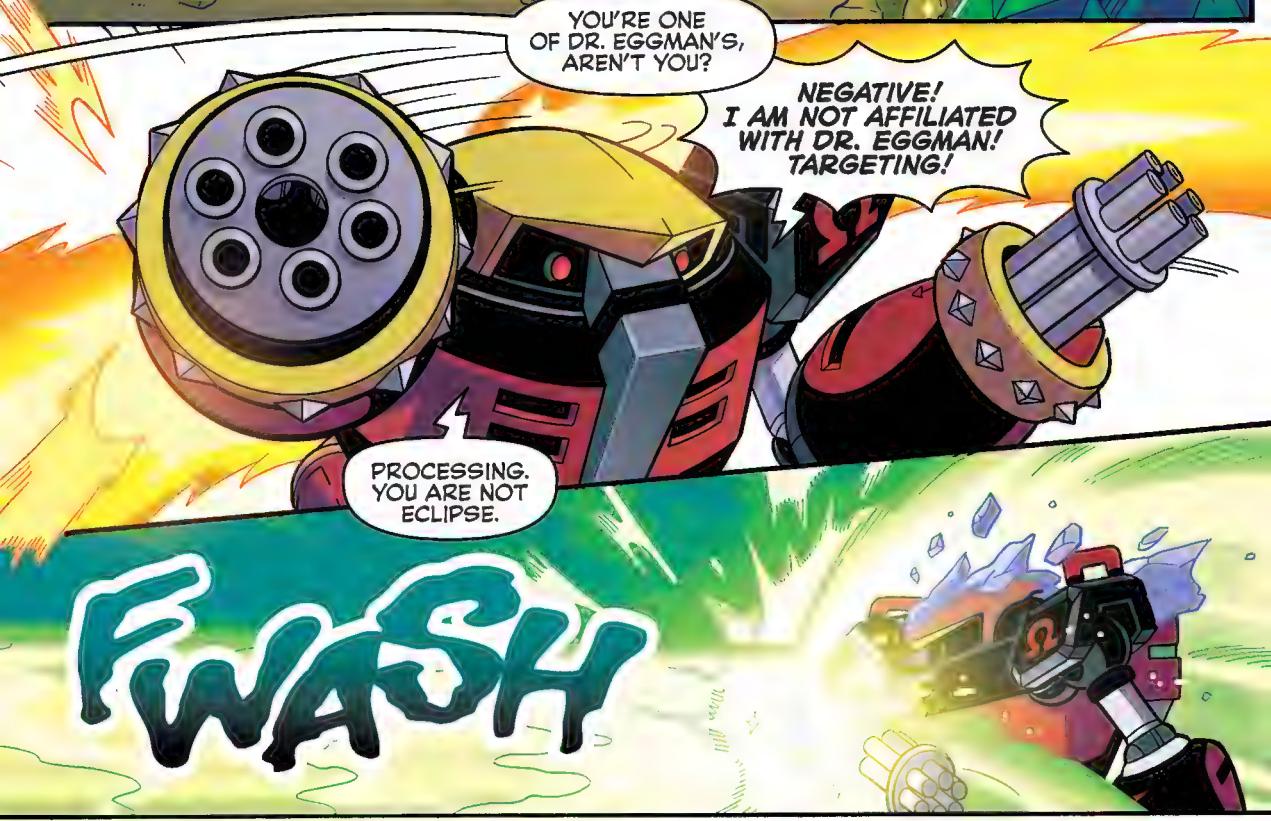
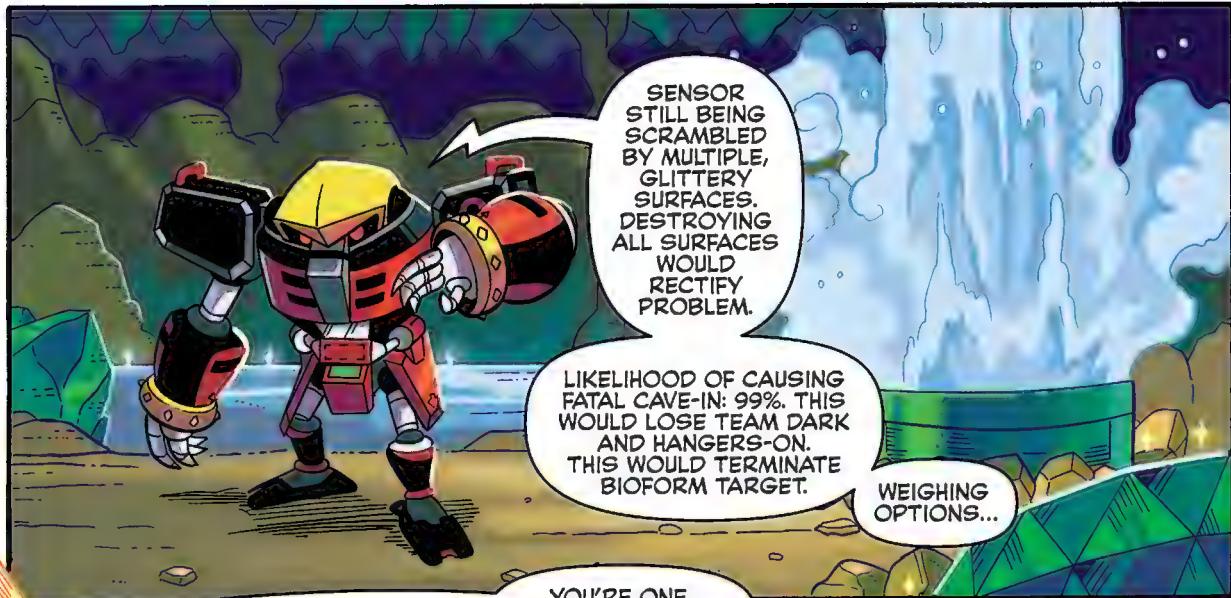
THIS
PLACE IS
HEAVEN!

KRIK-SLAM

KRIK-SHINK

KRIK-SHINK

KRIK-SHINK





SORRY IF I
STARTLED YOU. I'M

NIXUS!

I COULDN'T HELP
BUT OVERHEAR
YOUR... CONVERSATION.
NOW--I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT ANY
ALIENS, BUT I'VE BEEN
HUNTING SOME
MASTER EMERALD
SHARDS MYSELF.

**WAIT--
WHAT??!**

WHO IS THIS
KNUCKLES-LOOKING GUY?!
AND WHY IS HE LOOKING
FOR THE SHARDS?
AND WHAT'S BECOME OF
AMY, ROUGE AND OMEGA?
ALL THIS AND MORE--
NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN,
DON'T MISS OUT
ON ALL THE ACTION IN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
SONIC SUPER DIGEST,
AND THE **GRAPHIC
NOVEL LIBRARY!**

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's tougher than the rest of 'em!



ABOVE: Cover thumbnail by yours truly and finished inks/color study by Tracy Yardley.



ABOVE: Variant cover mock-up by yours truly and in-progress renders by Rafa Knight.

Let's get crackin'!

The race is on for Knuckles and Amy to restore the Master Emerald and save Angel Island from a potentially horrible fate! Will the inclusion of Team Dark bring luck to our heroes, or will Knuckles and Shadows' egos get the best of them once again? And who is this Nixus?!

I can't say! But I can tell you that we have a series of awesome variant covers for this story arc! Each issue within the "Shattered" storyline features one of four "& Knuckles" variant covers! Visit your local comic shop to get yours **TODAY!**

Peace out!



– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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